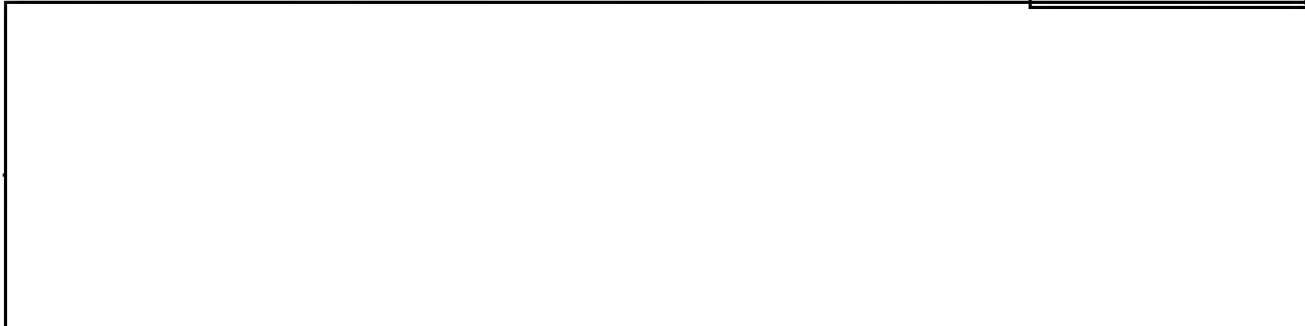


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17. [] - PLC) Al Tarabochia, staff member, Subcommittee on Internal Security, Senate Judiciary Committee, called and requested that arrangements be made for him to interview []



18. [] - PLC) George Armstrong, Staff Assistant to Representative John M. Ashbrook (R., Ohio), ranking Minority member of the House Internal Security Committee, called requesting a copy of the Director's letter of January 14th to OMB setting forth the Agency's proposal for legislation to strengthen the protection of Intelligence Sources and Methods. Armstrong had seen a reference to the letter in a newspaper story. They have held hearings on the Government personnel security program and Ashbrook is vitally concerned with the protection of national security information. I explained that our proposal is still in coordination at OMB and has not been cleared for submission to Congress. I did, however, provide a background of the problem faced by the Agency and the need for such legislation. Armstrong expressed strong support in behalf of Representative Ashbrook and would want to help us however he can. During the discussion, I related our problems with H. R. 12471, the amendments to the Freedom of Information Act. Armstrong said Ashbrook would strongly support the Agency when the conference report on the bill is voted on in the House. He asked if we would object to Ashbrook sending a letter to the Director requesting that he detail the damaging impact upon the Agency. Ashbrook would intend to use the Director's response on the House floor. I told him that we would sincerely appreciate Mr. Ashbrook's support and I would look into the matter and call him back.

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